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Public Notification

January 11, 2018

Sewage Overflow

In compliance with the Maryland Department of the Environment's Procedures for Public Notification of Sewage Spills, Overflows or Release, the Howard County Health Department in cooperation with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Utilities reports the following:

CONDITION:	Sewage Overflow
WHERE:	Behind Hingston Downs Savage, MD 20723
WHAT:	Approximately 12,000-gallon discharge
WHEN:	January 10, 2018

Pre-Cautionary HEALTH ALERT

As a result of an apparent grease and root blockage, a report of a sanitary sewer overflow was made in the outfall behind Hingston Downs. At approximately 12:00 p.m., Bureau of Utilities responded to the report of a sanitary sewage overflow occurring at manhole 609-8363, flowing clear water running into a nearby storm drain. The public is reminded to avoid contact with these types of affected areas.

Sanitation Measures

Bureau of Utilities cleared the blockage from manhole 609-8362 to manhole 609-8363 using a sewer jet truck and the overflow stopped immediately. The Pre-treatment Group will investigate grease producers in the area and additional cleaning will be performed. Maryland Department of the Environment will be notified of the occurrence and subsequent response actions. Health Department staff will visit the site to evaluate any possible additional actions.

For general information regarding the circumstances surrounding the overflow, contact:
BUREAU OF UTILITIES at 410-313-4900.